

Focus on a Federation Member: The Cherryville Historical Museum

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The Cherryville Historical Museum invites you to learn more about our museum, which is located on Main Street and which is totally run by volunteers. We are located in a historic building in Cherryville. This building was built in 1911 along an existing wall, which had a Bull Durham tobacco advertisement on it. The Bull Durham ad is still visible inside the museum.

In the past, the museum building once housed the fire department, the police department, a courtroom on the second floor, city hall, and the jail. Today, Cherryville's original fire truck is on display on the museum's main floor. The museum features many exhibits that cover the history of Cherryville, including exhibits on banking, art, and religion on the main floor, and exhibits

on the first public school, medical history, military history, Civil War history, and the courtroom on the second floor. The museum also features a Sports Hall of Fame and the Carl Rudisill library. In addition, the museum's lower level houses the old jail, which currently hosts a puppet theatre, an exhibit on New Year shooters (a tradition brought to Cherryville by German settlers), a toy exhibit, a kitchen exhibit, and the Mary Frances Mauney storyteller cabin.

We hope you will take the time to learn more about Cherryville's history by visiting the museum. Our hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and other days and times by appointment. You can reach the museum by calling (704) 435-8011 or by emailing chvhistorical@att.net.



Come to downtown Cherryville and visit the Cherryville Historical Museum, which is located in this building from 1911.

Member News Briefs

The **ALLEGHANY HISTORICAL-GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** won several awards from the N.C. Society of Historians. The society's newsletter won a Joe M. McLaurin Newsletter Award, and different episodes of its television series *Alleghany Memories* won the Paul Green Multimedia Award. The series can be viewed at www.actv.me.

The **APEX HISTORICAL SOCIETY** was recognized with a Malcolm Fowler Society Award from the N.C. Society of Historians. In other news, the society won a \$300 grant from Apex's Downtown Merchants Festival Commission to help it transcribe the society's collection of oral history interviews.

The **BROAD RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** was honored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart for its collection of information on local awardees of the Purple Heart.

The **CALDWELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM** reports that in 2013 it broke its annual attendance record, with a record attendance of 3,615.

The 1911 historic kitchen at **CHICAMACOMICO LIFE-SAVING STATION** was featured in a two-page spread of the February issue of *Our State* magazine, as part of the magazine's photo essay focusing on historic kitchens. Another Federation member, **OLD SALEM MUSEUMS & GARDENS**, was also featured in the same essay.

The **FEDERAL POINT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY** has launched a new website: <http://federal-point-history.org/>.

The **FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER** have expanded their outreach through social media. In addition to using Facebook and Twitter, the Friends now have a YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/caryhistory>.

The **NEW BERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** reports that it recently discovered a journal in the Attmore-Oliver House that contains the original handwritten minutes from the society's inaugural organizational meeting on April 19, 1923.